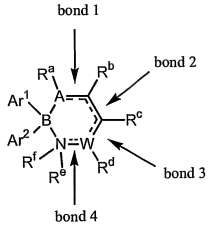
Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a compound of formula I:



(I)

wherein A is O;

W is C_p, where p is 0;

~~R^a, R^b, R^c, R^d, and R^e the same or different and are independently hydrogen, halogen, nitro, nitroso, lower alkyl, aryl or substituted aryl, lower alkoxy, lower alkoxyalkyl, or cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl alkoxy, where each cycloalkyl group has from 3-7 members, where up to two of the cycloalkyl members are optionally hetero atoms selected from sulfur, oxygen and nitrogen, and where any member of the alkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl group is optionally substituted with halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy, aryl or substituted aryl, halogen, nitro, nitroso, aldehyde, carboxylic acid, amide, ester, or sulfate, or wherein~~

R^b and R^c ~~may be~~ are connected by a phenyl ~~aromatic~~ ring optionally substituted with halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy, aryl or substituted aryl, halogen, nitro, nitroso, aldehyde, carboxylic acid, amide,

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ester, or sulfate, ~~structures or substituted embodiments thereof, or~~ and ~~wherein~~

R^c and R^e ~~may be~~ are connected by a phenyl ~~aromatic~~ ring optionally substituted with halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy, aryl or substituted aryl, halogen, nitro, nitroso, aldehyde, carboxylic acid, amide, ester, or sulfate, ~~structures or substituted embodiments thereof,~~ where R^a is absent when A is O, and R^d is absent when p = 0;

R^f is hydrogen or is absent; and

wherein Ar^1 and Ar^2 are ~~the same and are each~~ independently thienyl or aryl, wherein aryl is optionally substituted at one or a plurality of positions with halogen, nitro, nitroso, lower alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, lower alkoxy, lower alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, or cycloalkyl alkoxy, where each cycloalkyl group has from 3-7 members, ~~where up to two of the cycloalkyl members are optionally hetero atoms selected from sulfur, oxygen and nitrogen,~~ and where any member of the ~~alkyl,~~ aryl or cycloalkyl group is optionally substituted with halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy, aryl or substituted aryl, halogen, nitro, nitroso, aldehyde, carboxylic acid, amide, ester, or sulfate, and

wherein bond 1, bond 2, bond 3 and bond 4 are independently a single bond or a double bond, provided that when A is O, bond 1 is a single bond,

said method comprising the step of:

reacting an methyl diarylborinate of formula III with a compound of formula II to form the compound of formula I

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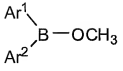
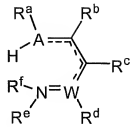


(III)



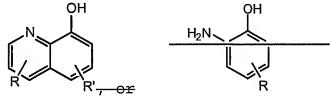
(II)

wherein the methyl diarylborinate of formula III and the compound of formula II are in a ratio of about 1 to about 0.9 equivalents respectively; and

wherein the methyl diarylborinate of formula III is prepared by reacting about 1 equivalent of trimethylborate with about 2 equivalents of metalloorganic reagent.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound of formula II is:



wherein,

R and R' are the same or different and are independently hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy, aryl or substituted aryl, halogen, nitro, nitroso, aldehyde, carboxylic acid, amide, ester, or sulfate.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the metalloorganic reagent is a Grignard reagent or a lithium reagent.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of treating the reaction product with methanol.

9-16. (Cancelled)